



A returnee child receiving assistance in the Kandahar Transit Center © IOM, 2020

## Highlights

**29,744** total returns from Iran and Pakistan since 01 January 2020

**29,065** total returns from Iran

**679** total returns from Pakistan

**6,150** undocumented Afghans returned from Iran with **9%** of returnees from Iran (**584** individuals) assisted

**159** undocumented Afghans returned from Pakistan with **94%** of returnees from Pakistan (**150** individuals) assisted

## Return from Iran

According to the Border Monitoring Team of the Directorate of Refugees and Repatriation (DoRR), a total of **6,150** undocumented Afghans spontaneously returned or were deported from Iran through the Milak (Nimroz) and Herat (Islam Qala) border crossings between 26 Jan— 01 Feb 2020, a **16%** decrease from the previous week (**7,365**). **2,902** persons returned voluntarily and **3,248** were deported. As of 1st January 2020, the total number of undocumented returnees from Iran is **29,065** individuals. IOM provided post-arrival humanitarian assistance to **584 (9%)** undocumented Afghans at its Transit Centers, including **68** Unaccompanied Migrant Children, **39** Medical Cases, **29** members of Single Parent Families, **4** Physically Disabled persons, **12** Unaccompanied Elderly persons, **150** members of deported families, **10** persons with substance abuse concerns, **2** single females and **270** members of poor families.

## IOM Thematic Support

### Protection

The Protection Unit completed case management assessments for 117 PSN Cases in Takhar, Ghor, Herat, Faryab, Kunduz, Nimroz, Kabul, Sar-e Pul, and Balkh provinces, including, 36 special cases, 34 unaccompanied migrant children, 16 female-headed households, 13 poor families, 7 medical cases, 5 deported families, 4 elderly at risk, and 2 single females.

### Migration Health

A total of **2,069** undocumented Afghans were screened for tuberculosis in IOM Transit Centers. Of the total screened, 258 persons were provided with basic health consultations, **25** persons were found to be presumptive TB cases and referred for additional diagnostic/treatment services.

## Funding Situation Overview

As of 01 February, IOM's Cross Border Return Programme has received funding contributions in 2019 from the Governments of the United Kingdom, the Netherlands, Switzerland, Norway's Ministry of Justice and Ministry of Foreign Affairs, the Czech Republic and CERF which carry over into 2020. Additional thematic funding was received from ECHO for Protection programming and the Global Fund, DFID and CERF for Migration Health. In 2020, IOM is seeking 15 M USD in new funding to continue its ongoing humanitarian cross border response activities.

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**Return from Pakistan**

According to the Border Monitoring Team of the Directorate of Refugees and Repatriation (DoRR), a total of **154** undocumented Afghans spontaneously returned and **5** deported from Pakistan between 26 Jan— 01 Feb 2020, a **29%** increase compared to the previous week 19-25 Jan 2020 (**123**) as the advent of winter weather inclusive of major road closures due to snowfall means that returns from Pakistan will now remain low until Persian New Year in late March. The total number of undocumented Afghan returnees from Pakistan

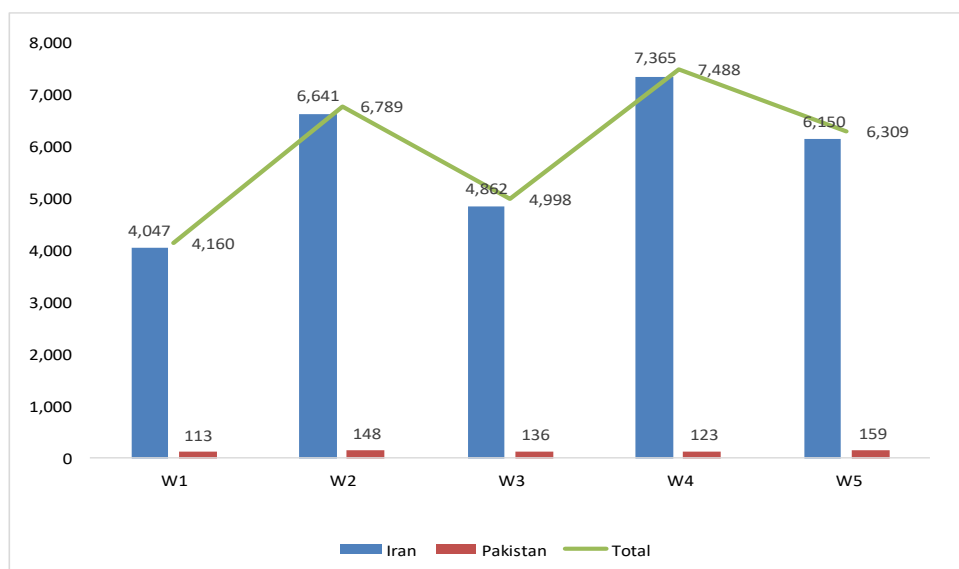
**Number of Undocumented Returnees in 2020**

Date	Iran				Total Iran	Pakistan				Total	Overall
	Herat		Nimroz			Turkham		Kandahar			
	Spont	Deport	Spont	Deport		Spont	Deport	Spont	Deport		
01 - 04 Jan 2020	759	881	768	1,639	4,047	46	0	67	0	113	4,160
05 - 11 Jan 2020	1,867	1,309	1,182	2,283	6,641	29	0	119	0	148	6,789
12 - 18 Jan 2020	900	669	1,013	2,280	4,862	66	9	61	0	136	4,998
19 - 25 Jan 2020	1,981	849	1,697	2,838	7,365	37	0	86	0	123	7,488
26 Jan- 01 Feb 2020	1,594	1,176	1,308	2,072	6,150	42	5	112	0	159	6,309
<b>Total</b>	<b>7,101</b>	<b>4,884</b>	<b>5,968</b>	<b>11,112</b>	<b>29,065</b>	<b>220</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>445</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>679</b>	<b>29,744</b>

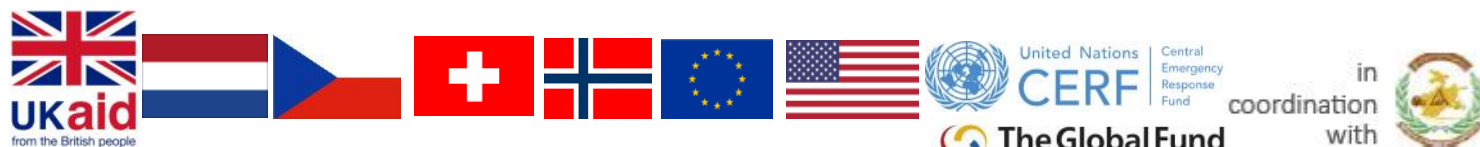
**Number of Assisted Returnees in 2020**

Date	Iran				Total Iran	Pakistan				Total Pakistan	Overall Assisted
	Herat		Nimroz			Turkham		Kandahar			
	Spont	Deport	Spont	Deport		Spont	Deport	Spont	Deport		
01 - 04 Jan 2020	14	85	0	90	189	46	0	67	0	113	302
05 - 11 Jan 2020	40	236	6	205	487	29	0	95	0	124	611
12 - 18 Jan 2020	4	189	0	245	438	66	8	54	0	128	566
19 - 25 Jan 2020	61	491	17	387	956	37	0	86	0	123	1,079
26 Jan- 01 Feb 2020	62	301	11	210	584	42	5	103	0	150	734
<b>Total</b>	<b>181</b>	<b>1,302</b>	<b>34</b>	<b>1,137</b>	<b>2,654</b>	<b>220</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>405</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>638</b>	<b>3,292</b>

**Return of Undocumented Afghans from Iran and Pakistan—Weekly Trends for 2020**



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